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## HIS TRUNK WAS LOOTED

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## TWO SUSPECTS IN JAIL

Hilo Talks of a New Cemetery--  
Telephone System--News  
of Hawaii.

HILO, Hawaii, Dec. 13.—Peter Donlan, who has charge of the Olaa Sugar Company's stables at Nine Miles, is loser by about \$300 through a burglary, says the Herald. When Mr. Donlan returned to his room after supper Monday night he found the door broken in, his trunk broken open and contents disturbed. Upon examination he found that upwards of \$300 in gold and silver had been taken but the sugar company's drafts and his watch and chain had been left behind. Complaint was made to Officer Kelley, who notified Captain Hitchcock, and together they made an investigation. On Tuesday morning a Portuguese was arrested on suspicion and later in the afternoon another Portuguese was taken into custody. Both men were brought to Hilo and locked up. One of them was convicted at the Kohala term two years ago of throwing an iron bar through a window of a dwelling. He was sentenced to imprisonment and recently pardoned out.

### THE OLAA LANDS.

It will be remembered that at the meeting of the Executive Council two weeks ago letters were read by Commissioner Brown from two persons who had bought lots in the new Olaa tract but who could not get possession owing to the presence of the squatters. The matter was discussed and both the gentlemen notified of the result. Following is a copy of the letter received by E. L. Rackliff of Olaa:

Honolulu, Dec. 4, 1900.

E. L. Rackliff, Olaa, Puna, Hawaii.

Dear Sir: Replying to yours of November 26th in the matter of the lot purchased by you in Olaa, and which you say you are denied possession of by claim of squatters on the same I would state:

That since the auction sale of the Olaa lots of September 20th last, the question of our authority to sell has been raised by the resident United States Attorney Mr. Baird.

The matter in dispute has been referred back to Washington and it is probable that an early determination of the question will be had. Such determination will, I believe, confirm the position taken by this office, but in the mean time our course in regard to the squatters is not clear. I do not know that any one contests our right to remove these trespassers on public land, but our authority to sell, to establish you in possession, is the point in issue. I hope, therefore, that you will give us additional time in this matter as we cannot claim from you any interest or payments on land that you are not able to obtain possession of. Yours respectfully,

J. F. BROWN.

Commissioner of Public Lands.

### HILO NEEDS CEMETERY.

Honolulu has a new cemetery and a line of tramways will soon run to the door. The time is approaching when arrangements will have to be made for a new cemetery, or at least when there must be a law governing the burial of the dead in Hilo. Under present conditions burials take place anywhere; Hawaiians bury their dead, in many instances, where it is most convenient and without due regard to sanitary laws. One's back yard may be as good as any other place in so far as the dead are concerned, but not for those who, like their faults, live after them. The practice of burials being made on residence lots should be discouraged, and the best way to discourage it is for the next legislature to enact a law forbidding burials elsewhere than in a cemetery. There are suitable sites for the purpose near town, and one of them not altogether suitable for the cultivation of cane might be procured.

### CONCERT AT HAIL.

Professor Heitmann is arranging for a program for a concert to be given at Hail Church on Saturday evening, December 22. Among those who will take part will be Mrs. J. T. Lewis and the local orchestra. Details are not yet complete.

### TELEPHONE IMPROVEMENTS.

Manager Richards, with a large corps of linemen, has been busily engaged during the past week in making alterations to the local telephone system. The old method will be discarded and a new metallic circuit system installed. New and larger poles take the place of the old ones all over town, and as far out as Waiakae. It will take some time to complete the work.

### HAWAII PERSONALS.

C. H. Brown is in town. Robert Forest has been appointed luna on the Kona Sugar Plantation. Mrs. Robert Rycroft was a passenger by the Kinai.

Dr. Stowe, of Hamakua, will locate in Hilo about January 1st.

Ten Chinese were arrested by Captain Brown on Tuesday and charged with gambling. The offense was in betting on the number of seeds contained in an orange.

Dr. Schoening will leave for Puna on Saturday. He will be absent about one week.

Charles Kluegel, chief engineer of the Hilo Railroad, is back in Hilo after an extended visit to the Mainland.

Frank A. Stanley, brother of ex-Judge Stanley, of Honolulu, will be the bookkeeper for Hoffschlaeger & Co., Hilo.

Messrs. Seigewick, Mackintosh and McDonough returned yesterday from a

hunting trip to the other side of the Island.

The Loebenstein-Severance case involving the possession of the property at Waiakae and Pitman street was decided by Judge Little in favor of Mr. Loebenstein. Ridgeway for plaintiff; Carl S. Smith for defendant.

Hon. J. Nickens, late of Tacoma, accompanied by his wife and child, arrived last night. Mr. Nickens has purchased the residence lately occupied by L. M. Whitehouse, and will reside permanently in Hilo. He will engage in the practice of law.

### DEATH OF WM. DUDLEY HUNT.

Old Timer and Friend of King Lunalilo Passes Away at His Home.

After an illness of a month William Dudley Hunt passed away on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at his home near Makee Island at Waikiki.

The deceased was born at Ewa on July 21st, 1834, being a son of Thomas Hunt, a veteran of the war of 1812. During the many years of his residence on the Islands he was widely and popularly known, being a warm friend of the Kamehamehas and the intimate associate of King Lunalilo. Miss Julia Hunt, a teacher at Waialae, is the daughter of the deceased and the only surviving relative.

The funeral services were held at 10 o'clock this morning from the Hunt residence.

## WIRELESS SYSTEM CAN BE NO BAR

The Washington Star Urges Laying of the Pacific Cable

It is said that advocates of the Marconi system of wireless telegraphy will interest themselves this winter to cause a consideration of the method of communication in lieu of the proposed Pacific cable. The proposition to establish stations at San Francisco and Honolulu and to flash messages to and fro without the intervention of wires appeals to the economists, who would of course welcome a chance to avoid the expenditure of the several millions required for the laying and maintenance of a first-class ocean cable.

It is to be hoped that this project will not be seriously considered at any stage of the effort to connect San Francisco and Honolulu electrically. The wireless telegraphy is as yet in a sufficiently experimental stage to prevent its immediate application to the Pacific needs. It has succeeded across comparatively small bodies of water, and has been practically applied in off-shore tests and uses, but it is folly to consider it as a possible substitute for the Pacific cable at this stage of its development.

The Pacific cable is urgently needed, and it would be a great mistake to rely upon a possible saving when every factor in the case, political as well as commercial, demands that this connection be supplied without further loss of time. When the wireless telegraphy has been demonstrated to be successful in service from Marseilles to Algiers, for instance, and then from Queenstown to St. Johns, it will be in order to propose it for the San Francisco-Honolulu stretch, but not until then.

The Pacific cable is one of the most important items of the congressional program. It should be hastened to the point of final provision before adjournment in March, in order that the work of laying the cable may be undertaken in the coming summer and completed at the earliest possible moment. The United States, having annexed Hawaii, should no longer confess its unwillingness or inability to provide this first necessity of union, a means of immediate communication with the new possession.—Washington Star.

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